

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 857
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Emeline "Emmy"
Haney upon her receipt of the 2004 Jim Pryor
Child Advocacy Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who work tirelessly to protect, support, and nurture this State's most precious resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Emeline "Emmy" Haney of Chattanooga is one such sterling public servant; her commitment to children and families has been evidenced by more than three decades of volunteer service in her community and has been appropriately recognized through her receipt of the prestigious Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award for 2004; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from college and getting married, Emmy directed many efforts in support of children and their families through the auspices of the Junior League of Chattanooga, volunteering at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court and assisting in the development of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program; and

WHEREAS, as Junior League President, she worked with purpose and conviction in the development and establishment of Kids on the Block and the Hamilton County Children's Advocacy Center (HCCAC); and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction as the founding President of HCCAC, Mrs. Haney rallied the support of many other committed volunteers to develop the organization's initial task force, raise initial funding, and purchase a historic landmark home in the center of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, after excelling in each of these endeavors, she worked assiduously in the renovation and grand opening of the HCCAC building and in the establishment of the many valuable services provided at this excellent Center, which is dedicated to serving the needs of abused children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Haney's dedication and commitment to HCCAC were truly contagious, as her family worked tirelessly beside her every step of the way; through this labor of love, she fostered a sense of civic duty in her children that is still active and growing today; and

WHEREAS, she continued to serve on the Board of HCCAC for many years until her husband's business ventures took them out of the area; and

WHEREAS, although she has traveled far and wide, Mrs. Haney's love for and commitment to children remains an integral part of her, and she is ever mindful of her roots and connections in Tennessee, which she still calls home; and

WHEREAS, she has remained active with the Tennessee Chapter of Child Advocacy Centers and the National Children's Alliance; and

WHEREAS, each year, she graciously opens her home to attendees of the National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference, thus facilitating valuable networking opportunities among Tennessee's child advocates, elected public officials, and the organization's members and supporters; and

WHEREAS, last year, she even invited Tennessee attendees of the Conference to stay in her lovely home, as the nation first met our First Lady of Tennessee, Andrea Conte'; and

WHEREAS, Emmy Haney and her husband, Franklin Haney, have proven themselves to be staunch advocates for Tennessee's children and they continue to diligently apply themselves to serving the needs of children, wherever their journeys may take them; and

WHEREAS, working with a graciousness and hospitality that belie the depth of their commitment to a most worthy cause, Mr. and Mrs. Haney willingly utilize their many and varied contacts to provide funding, services, and advocacy for children; and

WHEREAS, simply put, wherever there are children in need, Emmy Haney will be there to offer comfort and support, and her remarkable qualities as a public servant and human being should be duly recognized and honored by this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Emeline "Emmy" Haney upon her much deserved receipt of the 2004 Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award, salute her lifelong advocacy for

children and her ongoing commitment to serving the needs of children and their families, and wish her much continued happiness and success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.